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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDO-ROMAN TRADE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether international archaeological expedition in Egypt has unearthed the most extensive evidence of vigorous trade between India and the Roman empire dating back 2000 year ago; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to share the information with Egyptian Archaeological Survey ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. The discoveries have provided evidence of trade between India and the Roman Empire through Egyptian ports using the land and sea route. To share the information, the Indian Council of Cultural Relations has brought out a joint publication entitled India and Egypt: Influences and Interactions in which contributions have been made by Indian and Egyptian scholars.